

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reopening of prosecution under 37 C.F.R. § 41.50(a)(2)(i) so that the foregoing amendment may be entered. In the amendment, claims 1-3 and 10-20 are cancelled. Thus, claims 4-9 are now pending and submitted for consideration.

Claims 6-9 were allowed prior to the appeal being filed. The rejection of claims 4 and 5 was withdrawn on page 4 of the Supplemental Examiner's Answer. Thus, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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